

What is Claimed is:

1. A safety bumper for use with a child's bed, the safety bumper being receivable by, and placeable on a mattress having an upper surface, an underside surface, first and second opposed side surface and first and second opposed end surfaces, the safety bumper comprising a fitted mattress engaging portion; an elastic member, and a bumper portion,
 - (1) the mattress engaging portion including:
 - (a) a ring-like underside surface engaging portion for engaging the underside surface of the mattress, the mattress engaging portion defining an opening; and
 - (b) an endless side surface engaging portion for engaging each of the first and second opposed side surfaces and the first and second opposed end surfaces; and
 - (2) the elastic member being capable of extending chordally along the underside surface of the mattress between a pair of opposed points of the mattress engaging portion; and
 - (3) the bumper portion comprising an endless ring capable of being disposed adjacent to the first and second opposed side surfaces and the first and second end surfaces, the safety bumper being configured for extending in planes generally coplanar with the first and second opposed side surfaces and the first and second surfaces, above the upper side surface of the mattress, the bumper portion including a divider for defining at least two pockets for containing a cushioning material, the at least two pockets being configured for providing a substantially endless

upstanding cushioning bumper.

2. The safety bumper of claim 1 wherein the safety bumper comprises an endless ring, which when coupled to a mattress, comprises a generally rectangular ring having first, second, third and fourth arcuate corners.
3. The safety bumper of claim 2 further comprising an elastic bed frame engaging strap member attached to the bumper portion adjacent at least one of the first, second, third and fourth corners, the elastic strap member being attachable to a post of a bed frame.
4. The safety bumper of claim 3 wherein the elastic bed frame engaging strap member is stretchable between a rest and a fully stretched position, the bed frame engaging strap member having sufficient elasticity to be able to increase its effective length by at least about three inches between its rest and fully stretched positions, the elastic bed frame engaging strap having a length of between about 14 and 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches.
5. The safety bumper of claim 4 wherein the elastic bed frame engaging strap member comprises a first and second elastic bed frame engaging strap segments, the first and second segments each including a first end coupled to the bumper position, and a second end for permitting the first and second elastic bed frame engaging segments to be coupled to each other.
6. The safety bumper of claim 4 wherein the second end of the first elastic bed frame

engaging segment includes a hook material attached thereto, and the second end of the second elastic bed frame engaging segment includes an eye material attached thereto, the hook material and eye material comprising a hook and eye type material fastener for permitting the first and second elastic bed frame engaging segments to be attached to each other.